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Subject: RE: FOR REVIEW: Board update: Truck Convoy

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The memo has been adapted.....

Chair and Members of the Board,

The purpose of this email is to provide you with an update on the preparations underway for an expected demonstration involving a trucker convoy (known as the Freedom Convoy) that is scheduled to arrive in Ottawa beginning Friday, January 28th.

The Ottawa Police Service is the lead agency for this event with overall incident command. Our priority is to maintain the safety of members of our community and participants in the demonstration.

Current Information

At this time, the exact number of participants is not known. However, all open source information and our interactions with organizers indicate that this will be a significant and extremely fluid event that could go on for a prolonged period (January 28 to 30). Our operational planning reflects this assessment and is being designed to adapt to multiple scenarios.

We are working with the RCMP and the Parliamentary Protective Service and have stood up the National Capital Regional Command Centre. We are also working with our City of Ottawa and policing partners to help manage what we anticipate to be significant traffic disruptions and delays in Ottawa throughout this coming weekend. A staffing plan has been developed to minimize the impact on police calls for service across Ottawa unrelated to the convoy.

As with any large demonstration, we are planning for a range of associated risks including counter demonstrations, demonstrators breaking off from the main group, the blocking of intersections, etc.

Residents can expect to see a large police and emergency services presence in the downtown core and on major highways and roads throughout this event.

Contact with Organizers

Our Special Events Section is in regular contact with the organizers of the event to establish dialogue and encourage open communication. Multiple discussions are underway regarding parking, traffic flow, on-site security and ensuring that emergency lanes are kept open.

Police Liaison Officers will be the demonstrator's first point of contact on the ground.

The information and intelligence gathered indicate that this will be a peaceful demonstration as they have been in other cities thus far.

Communications to the Public

A joint communication strategy is being developed with the City of Ottawa to ensure members of the public are kept informed of city-wide traffic and transit plans as they develop throughout this demonstration. This will involve both traditional and social media.

The Ottawa Police Service and its partners manage public safety-related issues at hundreds of demonstrations every year. We work with organizers to preserve the peace and minimize impacts for residents and businesses while protecting the right to demonstrate.

Police have a sworn duty to maintain public order and preserve the peace. The Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms guarantees certain rights and fundamental freedoms, including opinion, expression and peaceful assembly.

To be clear, if the convoy arrives in significant numbers, it has the potential to cause significant disruption for 72 hours or longer. As we work with organizers and address any ongoing issues, we will need time and the community's patience to alleviate the disruption peacefully. As Canada's capital and home to Parliament, this is an example of a unique and unplanned scenario we see in Ottawa.

We will continue to keep the Board updated throughout this demonstration as more information is available.

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John

This is a very good draft. I appreciate all who have contributed.

My comments/changes are:

1. Remove the reference to the Toronto Star article. Use a non-media source or our own summary of the event issues/context
2. Need to reference that we are aware of and planning for a range of risks; counter demonstrations, trucks blocking intersections, etc.
3. Need an explicit statement that OPS is the lead agency and will have overall incident command.

For me, I have the following questions:

1. Who is the Incident Commander?
2. Who will be assigned to the core ICS positions?
3. How will we sustain the ICS operation over the full period of the demo (24-72 hours)?
4. What is the plan if trucks are used to block major intersections, interfere with critical infrastructure (OCTranspo, hospitals, highways, etc.)? Specifically, do we have sufficient heavy tow trucks available to remove trucks?
5. Will we use other trucks/barriers to restrict access of trucks to high risk areas?
6. When will the Operations Plan (including threat assessment) be ready for my review?

Thank you.

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